

Family was central to his existence, and Mr. Macon served as a touchstone of stability and security for his family. Together, Mr. Macon and his late wife Delina were married for 56 years before her death in 2002. Together they raised nine children. Despite financial hardship and without hesitation, they adopted five more children—who quickly became integral and inseparable members of the Macon family. With strength, love and kindness, he taught by example—gently challenging, and always encouraging and inspiring.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Louis Macon, an outstanding American citizen and exceptional human being whose integrity, warmth, faith and concern for others has served to forever touch the lives of his family, friends and extended family at Mt. Zion Church of Oakwood. I extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Macon's children; Geraldine, Richard, Walter, Robert, Phillip, Helen, Larry, Raymond, Elmer, Marvin, Denise, Frank and Curtis; his sixty grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his extended family and many friends. Although he will be deeply missed, the wonderful life and legacy of Louis Macon will live on in the hearts of all whom he loved and inspired—especially his family and closest friends—today, and for generations to come.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
CHUNG-CHENG "MICHAEL" CHEN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Chung-Cheng "Michael" Chen, loving husband, father, grandfather, and dear friend and mentor to many. His passing marks a great loss for his family and friends, yet his strength, love and outreach, extending from Cleveland to Taiwan, serves as a bridge of possibility and goodwill, forever transcending time and distance.

Mr. Chen's wife, Miriam Chen, and their four children were central to his life. Equipped with hope, faith, courageous hearts, and the simple dream of a better life, Mr. and Mrs. Chen and their four young children journeyed the arduous road of the immigrant, leaving behind their beloved Taiwanese homeland to forge a new beginning in America. Despite great sacrifice and struggle, Mr. and Mrs. Chen worked diligently to create a secure and loving life for their family. A highly respected chemist and entrepreneur, Mr. Chen directed numerous successful business ventures and built strong relationships with business owners, developers and government leaders that crisscrossed the globe from Cleveland to Taiwan.

Mr. Chen's business savvy equaled his strong sense of diplomacy, and above all, his kind and generous heart.

Proud American citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Chen coveted the democratic ideals of the United States, yet always held the ancient traditions and culture of their Taiwanese homeland close to their hearts, preserving their rich heritage within the hearts and minds of their children. Mr. Chen's love of his homeland reflects throughout the Taiwanese community of Greater Cleveland. His leadership, concern for others and joyous spirit has served to strengthen every facet of communication, commerce and interaction between public and private leaders in the United States and in Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Chung-Cheng "Michael" Chen. Mr. Chen's life was lived with great joy, integrity and concern for others, especially his family. I extend my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Miriam; his children, Faye, Kim, Kimberly and Bill; his grandchildren, Brandon, Andrea, Nathaniel and Isabella; and his numerous extended family and many friends. His great love for his family, for his community and for the people of Taiwan will forever exist as a powerful legacy of goodness, strength, hope and possibility for all who knew and loved him well—from Cleveland to Taiwan and miles beyond.